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11. (SBU) During a November 5 call on Lt. Colonel Nasser Al-Minhali, Head of Immigration, Abu Dhabi Police, G/TIP Reports Coordinator Gayatri Patel and PolOff discussed UAEG efforts on action plan (reftel) goals. Al-Minhali stated that the Ministry of Interior is currently providing shelter assistance for trafficking victims, and that a hotline has been setup to facilitate victim access to government assistance. Al-Minhali explained that instead of creating a new shelter as was recommended in the action plan, the UAEG had broadened access to existing social support programs to include trafficking victims.

12. (SBU) On November 7, Lt. Colonel Najem Al-Sayyar Al-Hosani, Director of the Abu Dhabi Social Support Center (Bani Yas), confirmed that the Abu Dhabi Police social support centers were being used to assist and shelter trafficking victims. (Note: Lt. Colonel Najem oversaw the camel jockey repatriation program in 2005-06, and the social support centers which he manages were the primary shelters used for that program. End note.) According to Col. Najem, the social support centers were originally established to assist domestic violence victims, and are equipped to both house victims as well as provide medical care and counseling.

Although some trafficking victims are referred to the Bani Yas shelter by police and immigration officials, he stated that most trafficking victims are referred by source country diplomatic missions. Col. Najem noted that there are very few victims of trafficking presently at the shelter but did not offer a specific number.

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